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DEVELOPMENT OF SARAS AIRCRAFT
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the present development stage of the Light Transport Aircraft 'Saras' being developed by the Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd.;

(b) the total expenditure incurred on the project so far; and

(c) the time by which the transport aircraft is likely to make its flight?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR DEFENCE PRODUCTION & SUPPLIES (SHRI HARIN PATHAK)

(a) to (c): The Light Transport Aircraft 'Saras' is being developed by the National Aerospace Laboratories, Bangalore, which is an Institution of the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR). According to the information received from CSIR, progress has been achieved in building the first prototype of 'Saras'. The actual cash expenditure of the project so far is Rs. 67.49 crores and the first prototype flight is expected to take place by August 2001.